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Remarks

The present amendment responds to the Official Action dated January 10, 2008. The Official Action noted that claims 7, 8, and 10-23 have been withdrawn from consideration by a response to an election/restriction requirement filed October 23, 2007. The Official Action rejected claims 1-6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on Drummond U.S. Patent No. 7,080,036 (Drummond).

This ground of rejection is addressed below. Claims 7, 8, and 10-23 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-3, 6, and 9 have been amended to be more clear and distinct. New claims 24-36 have been added. Claims 1-6, 9, and 24-36 are presently pending.

The Art Rejections

The art rejection hinges on the application of Drummond standing alone. As addressed in greater detail below, Drummond does not support the Official Action's reading of it and the rejections based thereupon should be reconsidered and withdrawn. Further, the Applicants do not acquiesce in the analysis of Drummond made by the Official Action and respectfully traverse the Official Action's analysis underlying its rejections.

The Official Action rejected claims 1-6, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on Drummond. In light of the present amendments to claims 1, 6, and 9, this ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, addresses a method of operating a self service terminal (SST). The method comprises the steps of receiving wireless communication signals from a mobile computing device in the vicinity of an SST and engaging in communication with the device to detect one or more characteristics relating to device capabilities of the mobile computing device

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and user preferences of a user of the mobile computing device, and configuring an SST user interface of the SST to accommodate detected device capabilities and user preferences.

The limitations of claim 1 in the claimed combination are not taught and are not made obvious by Drummond. Drummond teaches a method of programming an automated banking machine and presenting displays appropriate to a particular customer based on information in a stored customer profile. Drummond does not address detecting characteristics relating to device capabilities of a mobile computing device. Drummond does not address any adaptation or configuration of interfaces or other operational characteristics of the SST based on any detected device capabilities of a mobile computing device. Drummond adapts to a customer based on the customer's profile, but does not contemplate the use of a mobile computing device by a customer or any need to adapt to such a computing device. Drummond mentions a smart card as one possible source of profile information, but Drummond contemplates that the smart card serves simply as a data store, and the automated banking machine of Drummond does not communicate with the card to identify its capabilities and does not adapt its operation based on capabilities of the card.

By providing for adaptation of an interface presented by an SST based on device capabilities of a user computing device in the vicinity of the SST, the method of claim 1 allows for taking advantage of numerous communication capabilities presented by a device, such as secure wireless communication with the device to conduct transactions, or the conducting of such transactions through a particular user interface made available by the device. Claim 1, as amended, therefore defines over the cited art and should be allowed.

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Claim 6, as amended, addresses a method of operating a self service terminal (SST). The method comprises the steps of receiving wireless communication signals from a mobile computing device in the vicinity of an SST and engaging in communication with the device to identify selected capabilities of the device, and selecting features of a user interface to be presented to a user dependent on the detected capabilities of the mobile computing device. The features of the user interface are adapted so as to accommodate the detected capabilities of the mobile computing device. As noted above with respect to claim 1, Drummond does not address identifying selected capabilities of a mobile computing device in the vicinity of an SST and selecting features of a user interface dependent on the detected capabilities of the device.

Claim 6, as amended, therefore defines over the cited art and should be allowed.

Claim 9, as amended, addresses a self service terminal (SST) comprising a configurable user interface. The SST further comprises means for receiving wireless communication signals from a mobile computing device in the vicinity of the SST and engaging in communication with the device to identify one or more of device capabilities and stored user preferences characterizing the mobile computing device. The SST further comprises means for determining the configuration of the user interface to be presented so as to accommodate the device capabilities and user preferences. As noted above with respect to claim 1, Drummond does not teach or make obvious an SST detecting capabilities of a user mobile computing device and determining the configuration of a user interface so as to accommodate the device capabilities.

Claim 9, as amended, therefore defines over the cited art and should be allowed.

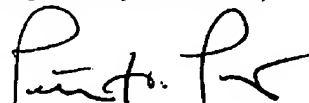
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New claims 24-34 are dependent claims based on claim 1 and new claims 35 and 36 are dependent claims based on claim 9. These claims are allowable because they are based on allowable claims.

Conclusion

All of the presently pending claims, as amended, appearing to define over the applied references, withdrawal of the present rejection and prompt allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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